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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND
HAND-DELIVERY OF CONFIDENTIAL VERSION**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: **Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,
Increasing Residential and Non-Residential Rates
Docket Number: 2021-3-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") please find the Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of the following witnesses:

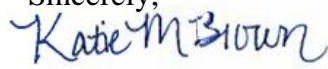
1. Bryan L. Sykes
2. John Swez

Witness Sykes' rebuttal testimony responds to the direct testimony of Office of Regulatory Staff witness Anthony Briseno. Witness Swez's rebuttal testimony responds to the direct testimony of South Carolina Coastal Conservation League/Southern Alliance for Clean Energy witness Devi Glick.

The Company respectfully requests that the confidential version of witness John Swez's rebuttal testimony be accepted by the Commission under seal and maintained as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226. Company witness Swez's rebuttal testimony contains certain confidential information relating to unit incremental costs that is proprietary and commercially sensitive to DEC. The Company requests that the Commission grant the Company's request for confidential treatment, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2) and the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10 et seq., and protect this information from public disclosure.

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By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

cc: Parties of record